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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS, TS

SUBJECT: SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO TUNISIA;

NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON FEBRUARY 20 DELIVERED TO CONGRESS A REPORT ON THE PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE SALE TO TUNISIA OF A-4 AIRCRAFT. THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE NEW REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 36(B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT THAT ALL LETTERS OF OFFER FOR \$25 MILLION OR MORE BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE. THE LETTER OF OFFER MAY NOT BE ISSUED IF CONGRESS, WITHIN 20 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING ANY SUCH REPORT, ADOPTS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING IN EFFECT THAT IT OBJECTS TO SUCH PROPOSED SALE.
- 2. WHEN THE 20-DAY PERIOD HAS ELAPSED, AND ASSUMING CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGRESS DOES NOT DISAPPROVE THIS SALE, DOD WILL ISSUE A

SIGNED LETTER OF OFFER WHICH WILL BE SENT BY AIR POUCH TO THE EMBASSY FOR FORMAL ISSUANCE TO THE GOT.

3. THE FEBRUARY 20 LETTER ALSO NOTIFIED CONGRESS THAT WE EXPECT TO SUBMIT A SIMILAR LETTER OF OFFER FOR F-5E AIR-CRAFT TO TUNISIA. WE ASSUME THE GOT HAS REQUESTED LETTERS OF OFFER FOR BOTH A-4S AND F-5ES BECAUSE IT IS STILL UNDECIDED AS TO THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT IT PLANS TO BUY, AND THAT THERE IS LITTLE OR NO CHANCE THAT THE TUNISIANS WOULD BUY BOTH THE A-4 AND F-5E. WE HAVE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOT'S LIST OF EQUIPMENT THEY HOPE TO OBTAIN REFERS TO TWO SQUADRONS OF AIRCRAFT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS YOU MAY HAVE OF CURRENT GOT THINKING WITH REGARD TO ITS AIRCRAFT PURCHASES. KISSINGER

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